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## Students vote against grade scale change in survey

By JETT THOMPSON  
STAFF WRITER

The results of the Homecoming Election ballot on the idea of a change in the grading scale have shown that the majority of students who voted would not be in favor of changing the grading system.

In the scale that was on the ballot, new grading brackets would be introduced so that GPA ratings would be based on the strength of a grade within a spread of 10 points.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 45.14 stated the senate's interest in gaining a student opinion on the grade scale and allowed the vote to appear

on the Homecoming Election Ballot.

Student Senate President Sarah Saunders said the senate started looking at the issue as an increasing number of Big 12 schools adopted the new grading scale. According to the resolution, the University of Texas switched to the new grading scale in the fall of 2009.

"We were just trying to get a student voice," Saunders said. "Students voted against the change of grade scale."

SGA President Suzanne Williams said one



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reason many students may have voted against the grade scale change could be because students believe the change will negatively affect their GPAs.

"There is already a certain amount of stress in just getting an A average," Williams said. "This adds a whole level of pressure not only to get an A but to get an A+ for the GPA points."

The proposed grading scale may be better for students who apply to a different university for graduate school, Saunders said, because it would create more uniformity between grading scales.

"So many other schools are doing this," said Saunders. "When our students apply for grad school their grades would be looked at differently."

Saunders and Williams said a new grading scale would not be revisited in the immediate future and the election ballot solely was intended to get a better feel on the opinion of the student body.

On the weekend of Nov. 6 through Nov. 8, the SGA will be hosting the Big 12 Weekend. Saunders said SGA senators would be needed to help with registration beginning Thursday night.

Because of this the next SGA senate meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Lanier Auditorium of the Texas Tech School of Law. Food and drinks will be served at the meeting and a forum for public discussion will be open at the end of the official meeting.

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## SGA may keep next senate retreat local

By JETT THOMPSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association is considering hosting its annual senate retreat in Lubbock next year rather than travel out of state as it did in mid-September.

The weekend-long event allows senators to learn about the parliamentary process, brainstorm on student issues and learn how to draft bills and resolutions.

The SGA's reasoning for the potential change is senators with jobs or prior engagements would be able to attend the meetings and would not have to make up the time during the school week.

"Having the retreat in a long-distance location allows senators to bond, but it might be easier to have it here locally," SGA President Suzanne Williams said. "We are considering having the conference at the Overton (Hotel) or somewhere in town."

This year the SGA traveled by charter bus to the Sierra Blanca Lodge in Ruidoso, N.M., the weekend of Sept. 11 to Sept. 13. The lodge is adjacent to the Ruidoso Convention Center where the meetings were held.

According to the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, the budget for this year's SGA retreat was \$13,844.

Williams said the money came from an endowed account through the student affairs office that is used for student leadership purposes. No money that was used

toward the retreat came out of student's pockets, she said.

Most of the budget went toward chartering a bus for transportation to and from New Mexico and also to the booking of the hotel and convention center, she said.

Sarah Saunders, president of the Student Senate, said the group trained throughout the day Saturday and worked on drafting legislation. The feedback from senators has been very positive as well.

"I thought the retreat was very effective," said Engineering Senator Sean Crenshaw. "It gave me the opportunity to learn the parliamentary procedure and write bills and resolutions."

Kerri Pike, account manager and coordinator for Student Government Programs, said she went along with the group to Ruidoso to assist the SGA and ensured everything went as planned.

"The weekend was very beneficial," Pike said. "This year they were very effective keeping with schedule and getting done what needed to be done."

Pike said she has worked with the SGA for several years and the past retreats have been held in San Antonio, Dallas and Fort Worth.

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## SAVING SPECIMENS

Tech laboratory preserves animals, insects for research



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

HEATH GARNER, CURATOR of collections for the Natural Science Research Laboratory, holds an Ursus arctos, or brown bear, skull inside the mammal collection room Wednesday at the Museum of Texas Tech University.

By LAURA WALDREN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Projects ranging from the pinning of insects to the identifying of specimens are just some of what goes on in the Natural Science Research Laboratory in the building behind the Museum of Texas Tech.

The laboratory is home to many preserved specimens for the purpose of scientific study or research and soon will be featured on National Geographic in regards to a special find, said Heath Garner, curator of collections at the NSRL.

Recently, a man from LaFayette found an interesting animal and consulted the NSRL to figure out what it was. The man thought it was a Chupacabra, a supposed mythical creature meaning "goat sucker" in Spanish, according to MSNBC's Web site.

"There was a National Geographic special filmed here two months ago," Garner said. "A farmer or rancher near LaFayette, said they found a sample of it."

Garner said the animal was road kill and the tissue was looked at by a student to see what it might have been. It was also inspected by a curator of anthropology, who compared the structures of that skull with skulls of similar animals such as the domestic dog.

Garner would not reveal the conclusion of the story to prevent spoiling of the special.

James Cokendolpher, a research scientist and assistant curator of invertebrates at the NSRL, said it is not rare for people to call and ask what kind of creature they have found.

"People all the time will call in with things they find," Cokendolpher said, "like, 'I found a spider — what is it?'" Cokendolpher said these kinds of questions are OK, but the right measures must be taken to get something looked at.

"If we have a request from campus from somebody who has an interest in something," Cokendolpher said, "then they would need to

call in and make an appointment to come over."

In addition to identifying specimens, an area upstairs in the NSRL is used to house many animals that have been to the taxidermist that are being saved for future use.

"A lot of these are in such great condition because they have been dusted with arsenic," Garner said, "which back in the day was the best thing in the world to keep pests off. Arsenic is poisonous to humans, so most exhibit animals from the 1930's to the 1960's you probably shouldn't touch with your hands."

To some, seeing the heads of their favorite exotic cat or other various wildlife might be troubling, but Garner said he believes it is good to keep them around in case they are needed.

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**Cheney to campaign for Hutchison in Texas**

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Vice President Dick Cheney will throw his support behind U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's campaign for Texas governor. Hutchison's campaign confirmed Wednesday that Cheney will endorse the Texas Republican's March primary challenge of Gov. Rick Perry at a fundraiser next month.

Campaign spokeswoman Jennifer Baker says details are still being worked out, but Cheney is scheduled to appear at a Nov. 17 fundraiser and campaign event in Houston. The former vice president is popular with conservative activists and could help Hutchison bolster support among them.

**NATION**

**Obama inks defense bill with hate crimes provision**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trumpeping a victory against careless spending, President Barack Obama on Wednesday signed a defense bill that kills some costly weapons projects and expands war efforts. In a major civil rights change, the law also makes it a federal hate crime to assault people based on sexual orientation.

The \$680 billion policy bill authorizes spending but doesn't provide any actual dollars. Rather it sets guidance that is typically followed by congressional committees that decide appropriations. Obama hailed it as a step toward ending needless military spending that he called "an affront to the American people and to our troops."

**WORLD**

**UN vote condemns US embargo on Cuba**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly has voted overwhelmingly to condemn the 47-year U.S. trade embargo on Cuba, an annual ritual that highlights near unanimous global opposition to America's hard-line stance toward the communist island.

Many representatives to the world body expressed hope the new American administration will work to normalize relations with its longtime enemy.

It is the 19th time in a row that the world body adopted the symbolic measure, and the first since U.S. President Barack Obama took office in January.

But Wednesday's 187-3 vote — with two abstentions — was unlikely to sway Washington, which has loosened financial and travel restrictions on Americans with relatives on the island but has said it would not lift the embargo until Cuba accept some political, economic and social changes.

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**SIMPLY STRETCHING**



LACY JONES, A senior landscape architecture major from Longview, stretches to measure her flexibility during TechWell, a one-day event held at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center featuring informational and interactive booths aimed at promoting healthy choices and living.

PHOTO BY JEFF DAY/The Daily Treador

**Greeks open streets for trick-or-treaters**

By ZACH QUIÑONES  
STAFF WRITER

For kids in Lubbock, Halloween will come early this year thanks to the 13th Annual Greek Treat that will take place tonight at Greek Circle.

Greek Treat is an event at which the Greek community — consisting of Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Inter-Greek Council — will be passing out candy to kids and their families from the Lubbock community.

Kirsten Cannon, the Panhellenic Council community service chairwoman, said the event is popular within the community and about 400 children are expected to attend.

"Everybody knows about it," Cannon said. "Last year we ran out of candy in the first hour."

Besides candy, she said, the children interact with the Greek members with carnival-like games and activities from pie throwing contests to face painting.

Each chapter also will hand out prizes to promote their theme, Cannon said.

For example, the Pi-Phi's will be handing out books to promote a foundation for literacy.

The Greek students also dress up in costumes which makes children excited to see participation from older people, she said.

"It's really memorable for the kids and for us," Cannon said. "We get to remember our traditions and memories from when we were kids."

Originally the event was Panhellenic, but over time other groups in the Greek community joined in.

Jason Biggs, the assistant director at the Division of Student Affairs, said the chapters raise their own money to put on the event.

A good amount of planning involved, he said, and a block party permit is required because the streets on Greek circle

are city owned and sheriffs are needed to help patrol the streets.

Cannon said all major entrances will be blocked off so no cars will be present providing a safe, fun environment for the kids.

"That's why people's kids come out because it's a safe environment," she said. "It's stress free for the parents."

Cody Comiskey, the president of the Interfraternity Council, said the event shows Tech and the Greek community in a positive light.

"The girls and guys really enjoy hanging out with them," he said. "I'm going as Billy Mays, so it should be a fun time."

Greek Treat will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Greek Circle will close down 30 minutes prior to the event to ensure no vehicles will drive on Greek Circle.

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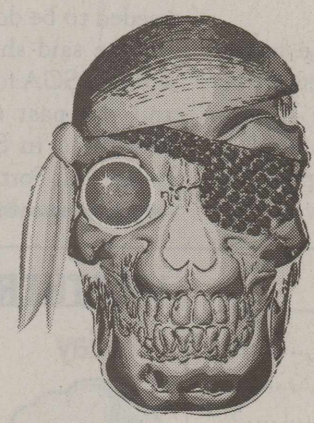
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## POLICE BLOTTER

**\$3,355 reported stolen from Music building**

Oct. 22

9:15 a.m., an officer investigated theft of a Honeywell/Cure access card in the Preston Smith Library.

9:30 a.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency in the University Library lobby. A student was suffering from a seizure and was taken to the University Medical Center emergency room for further treatment.

2:30 p.m., an officer documented information about unwanted phone calls received by staff at the South Athletic Ticket Office.

7:09 p.m., an officer investigated an accident at the intersection of 15th Street and Akron Avenue. No injuries were reported.

Oct. 23

7:24 a.m., an officer investigated theft of a driver's side mirror in the Z6-A parking lot.

11:39 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z4-M parking lot. A vehicle's four tires were flat, and black shoe polish was put on the hood and the windows of the car.

2:18 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z6-A parking lot. A vehicle's driver-side mirror was damaged.

11:31 p.m., two officers issued citations to two students for consumption of alcohol by a minor and issued a citation to another student for possession of alcohol by a minor in the Z5-B parking lot.

11:40 p.m., an officer released a student pending the filing of charges for public intoxication in the lobby of Chitwood Residence Hall.

Oct. 24

2:11 a.m., two officers released a student pending the filing of charges for public intoxication in the Z4-M parking lot.

2:30 a.m., two officers arrested a non-student in the Z4-M parking lot for public intoxication. The non-student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

3:04 a.m., an officer arrested a student in the lobby area of Chitwood Residence Hall for public intoxication. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

3:20 a.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency in Chitwood Residence Hall. A student was suffering

from alcohol poisoning and was taken to the UMC emergency room for further treatment.

3:34 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in Bledsoe Residence Hall. The door to a room was damaged.

3:42 a.m., two officers arrested a student in the basement of Murdough Residence Hall for public intoxication. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

7:32 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief on the first floor of Flint Avenue Parking Garage. A concrete cigarette receptacle was damaged.

1:13 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 2500 block of Fourth Street. No injuries were reported.

1:15 p.m., an officer investigated an assault north of the R-19 area of Strangel/Murdough Residence Halls. A student was struck in the face by a group of unknown males. The student was treated at Covenant emergency room for minor injuries.

4:30 p.m., an officer detained a student near gate 6 of Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication. The student was released pending the filing of charges. The student then was taken to the UMC emergency room for a high level of intoxication.

4:45 p.m., two officers arrested a student for public intoxication near gate 6 of the Jones AT&T Stadium. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

5:20 p.m., two officers arrested a student near gate 6 of the Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

5:23 p.m., an officer arrested a student near section 22 of the Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

5:30 p.m., an officer arrested a student near gate 6 of the Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication and failure to identify. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

6:10 p.m., an officer arrested a non-student for public intoxication in the C-1 West parking lot of the Jones AT&T Stadium. The non-student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

6:20 p.m., an officer arrested a student

near gate 6 of the Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

7:05 p.m., an officer detained a student near gate 6 of the Jones AT&T Stadium for consumption of alcohol by a minor. The student was released pending the filing of charges.

7:10 p.m., an officer issued a citation to a student in section 113 of the Jones AT&T Stadium for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

7:15 p.m., an officer issued a citation to a student in section 113 of the Jones AT&T Stadium for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

7:18 p.m., an officer arrested a student for public intoxication near gate 6 of the Jones AT&T Stadium. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

7:50 p.m., an officer arrested a student near gate 6 of the Jones AT&T Stadium for disorderly conduct and consumption of alcohol by a minor. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

8:40 p.m., an officer arrested a non-student near gate 6 of the Jones AT&T Stadium for public intoxication. The non-student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

9:11 p.m., an officer investigated the odor of marijuana in Hulen Residence Hall. A student was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and released pending the filing of charges.

9:39 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a cooler and some foods in the R-1 parking lot.

Oct. 25

1:14 a.m., an officer responded to a fire at the southeast corner of the R-18 parking lot. Some shrubbery caught fire and the Lubbock Fire Department responded to extinguish it.

1:46 a.m., two officers released a student pending the filing of charges for public intoxication in the Z3-E parking lot. The student was taken to the UMC emergency room because of a high level of intoxication.

2:04 a.m., two officers responded to a disturbance in the C-16 parking lot. Three non-students were arrested for public intoxication and taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

2:35 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 800 block of Texas Tech

Parkway. No injuries were reported.

3:14 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a bicycle and cable lock from the north bicycle rack of Gordon Residence Hall.

Oct. 26

12:34 a.m., an officer detained a student following a traffic stop in the 1200 block of Flint Avenue. The student was released pending the filing of charge for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

7:52 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in the intersection of Texas Tech Parkway and Indiana Avenue. No injuries were reported.

2:08 p.m., an officer documented information regarding theft of a Dell laptop computer owned by the university that was stolen at an off-campus location.

7:23 p.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency in the Education building. A student fainted and was treated by EMS.

Oct. 27

8:54 a.m., an officer arrested a student following an observed traffic violation in the 600 block of Canton Avenue for two outstanding Lubbock County Sheriff's Department warrants and one instantered Lubbock County citation. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

1:44 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle in the Z4-R parking lot. No injuries were reported.

4:47 p.m., an officer investigated theft of \$110 in cash from a safe in the Sam's Place at Sneed Residence Hall.

5:04 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center B3 parking lot.

5:35 p.m., an officer investigated theft in the Music building in which cash and checks that totaled \$3,355 were taken from two unattended cash registers between Aug. 22 and Sept. 28.

6:16 p.m., an officer documented damage to the front bumper of a vehicle.

9:34 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a secured bicycle from the north bicycle rack at Clement Residence Hall.

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**Treasury, GMAC in talks for third round of US aid**

NEW YORK (AP) — GMAC, the former lending arm of General Motors Co., is in talks with the Treasury Department for a third injection of taxpayer aid, a further sign of the U.S. government's entrenchment in the auto industry.

The government mandated earlier this year that GMAC Financial Services raise an additional \$11.5 billion in capital by early November after undergoing a "stress test" along with 18 other banks. While other banks deemed undercapitalized have been able to raise funds from private investors, GMAC has been forced to go back to the government.

In a separate move to help the company extend more loans, the company said Wednesday the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. would back a \$2.9 billion debt offering.

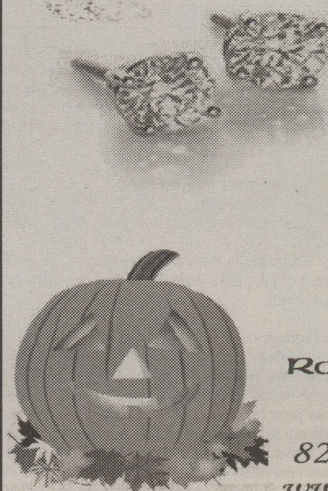
GMAC is a crucial player in the U.S. auto industry, providing

wholesale financing to many General Motors and Chrysler dealerships to pay for the vehicles on their lots. The company also operates a mortgage lending unit — Residential Capital — which has been pummeled by the housing market downturn. It also runs an insurance unit and an online banking unit called Ally Bank.

"Having a healthy GMAC is important to us," GM CEO Fritz Henderson said in Washington on Wednesday. Henderson, who said he was not involved in the discussions for more aid to GMAC, called the lender "the source of financing" for GM and Chrysler.

A Treasury Department spokesman confirmed that the department is in talks with GMAC about a third helping of aid. The government already owns a 35 percent stake in GMAC after providing \$12.5 billion to the lender. It also owns a majority stake in GM and a smaller stake in Chrysler.

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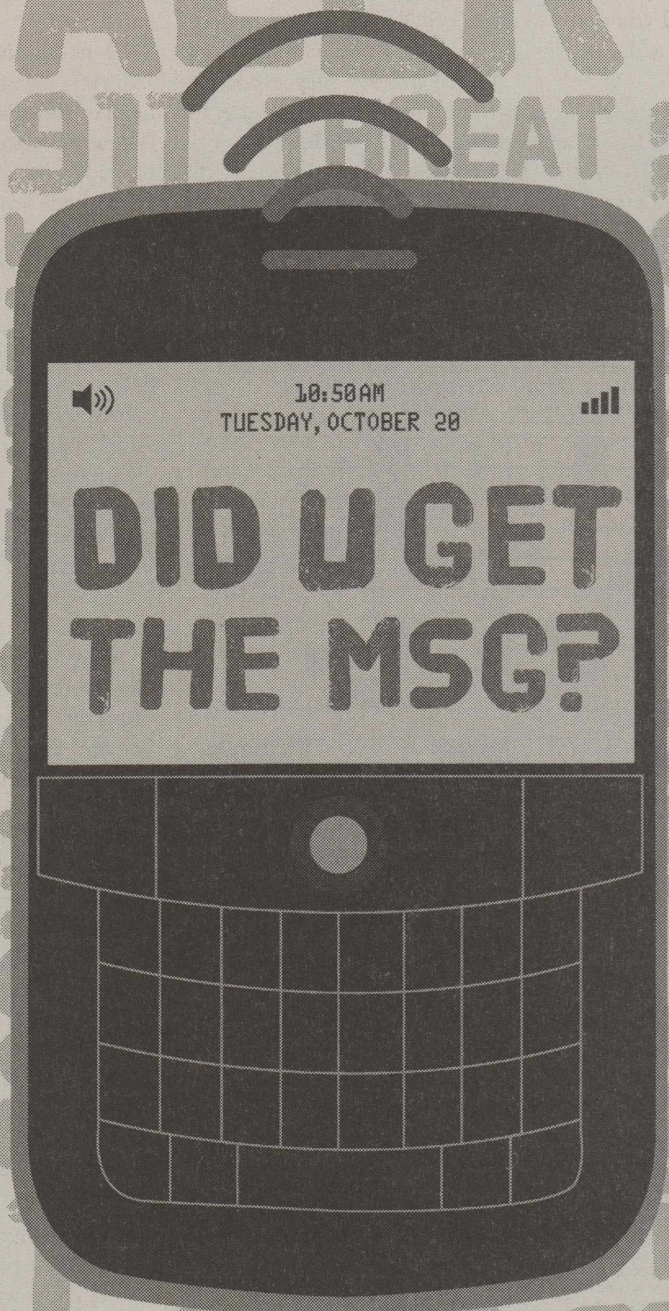


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## Republicans show true colors on sexual assault

“Jamie Leigh Jones was a 20-year-old young woman working her fourth day on the job in Baghdad for contractor Halliburton/KBR in 2005 when she says she was drugged and gang-raped by seven U.S. contractors and held captive by two KBR guards in a shipping container,” said an ABC News report.

“But more than four years after the alleged crimes occurred, Jones is still waiting for her day in court because when she signed her employment contract, she lost her rights to a jury trial and, instead, was forced into having her claims decided through secret, binding arbitration.”

Earlier this month the Senate listened to her story and passed an amendment to a defense appropriations bill that would prohibit “the Defense Department

**Paul Williamson**



from contracting with companies that require employees to resolve sexual assault allegations and other claims through arbitration,” according to ABC News.

Seems like a no brainer, right? The government supporting companies that do not allow their employees to bring their attackers to court seems to be a bad thing.

Not unless you are Republican. Thirty of them voted against the amendment.

Way to go GOP. That's the way to show how far out of touch with reality your party really is.

How on earth can anyone really be opposed to this? How can anyone in their right mind be opposed to sexual assault victims allowing their case to be heard in court?

Many employee contracts state if an employee has a sexual assault claim you have to go to private arbitration where there are no judges, no appeal systems, no juries and no justice.

John Cornyn opposed this amendment. I am ashamed he represents our great state. And for those still on the

straight talk express, John McCain voted against it. I still cannot believe this man almost became president.

All I ask of these senators is, “why?” What is the logic behind opposing this amendment? You think your precious corporations are going to get caught in covering up rape and sexual assault as was the case with Halliburton and Jamie Leigh Jones?

The Minnesota Independent reported Jeff Sessions, the Republican from Alabama, argued

it as a “political attack directed at Halliburton.”

Yes Sessions, it is an attack on Halliburton. A justified attack on Halliburton. It is obvious the clause in Halliburton's contract is designed to silence assault victims as to not harm the company's image. In their attempt at good PR, Halliburton is denying the due process every person deserves when victim to a crime. In this instance, Halliburton should be attacked and condemned.

Sessions also argued it goes against the Constitution's Due Process Clause. It seems not voting for this amendment would go against the Due Process Clause. The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution states no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. Seems employee contracts

like Halliburton's would do such a thing.

In the end the amendment will allow victim's voices to be heard. Prior to the amendment, any person (man, women or transgender) that was a victim of assault had to go to a private arbiter because their contract said they had too.

In the case of a private arbitration, it is just that. Private. They are not allowed to go public with their stories. If they do, they risk being fired. It is obvious the more victims who come out with their stories the better because that increases the chances another victim hears it and knows they are not alone.

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“How can anyone in their right mind be opposed to sexual assault victims allowing their case to be heard in court?”

## Fla. man uses weight as defense

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — A man accused of running up and down a flight of stairs to kill a former son-in-law is offering a novel defense: At 5 feet 8 and 285 pounds, he was just too fat to have pulled it off.

An attorney for Edward Ates is making the case that his client wouldn't have had the energy needed to fatally shoot Paul Duncsak, a 40-year-old pharmaceutical executive, from a perch on the staircase.

Lawyer Walter Lesnevich claims that Ates, 62 at the time of the 2006 killing, was in such bad physical shape that he couldn't have pulled off the shooting or the fast getaway the killer made.

Lesnevich said his client's weight has led to asthma, sleep apnea and other obesity-related ailments.

“You look at Ed and you don't need to hear it from a doctor,” Lesnevich said.

Houston defense attorney David Berg, author of “The Trial Lawyer: What It Takes To Win,” an analysis of trial tactics and strategies, said that he had never heard of such a defense but that it could work.

“It's an unusual defense, but it

would be a credible defense if the facts really fit in,” Berg said.

“When the battered-wife defense was first used, it was considered abhorrent and bizarre,” Berg said. “Jurors may be open to this in a society that talks about the infirmities that obesity causes.”

At the time of the killing, Duncsak and Ates' daughter, Stacey, were involved in a bitter custody dispute after their 2005 divorce.

Prosecutors claim Ates drove from Fort Pierce, Fla., to Duncsak's \$1.1 million home in Ramsey, about 25 miles northwest of Manhattan, in August 2006 and shot him as he came home from work.

Duncsak was talking to his girlfriend on his cell phone when he entered the house and was shot. After hearing a scream from him, followed by a thud, the woman called 911. Police arrived minutes later, but the killer was gone.

Police quickly suspected Ates and found him 24 hours later at his mother's home in Sibley, La.

According to Lesnevich, the trajectory of the bullets shows that Ates wasn't physically capable of the shooting.

Duncsak was shot six times as he walked down a hallway. Lesnev-

ich said the shooter first fired from a staircase leading to the basement. That was followed by several shots fired head-on. In order to do that, Lesnevich said, Ates would have had to run up the stairs.

Lesnevich also says it would have been impossible for Ates to clean up the shell casings and flee the house before police arrived minutes later, let alone to have driven alone 21 hours straight to his mother's house in Louisiana.

Prosecutors have built their case around cell phone records and computer forensics and have little physical evidence. Still, they say they have a strong case.

During the trial, they have presented evidence to show Ates bought books detailing how to build a gun silencer, did Internet searches on how to pick locks and how to commit the perfect murder.

Duncsak's mother, Sophia, has said Ates became vengeful toward her son after Paul Duncsak refused to give his father-in-law \$250,000 in 2003 to keep Ates' struggling golf course in Okeechobee, Fla., afloat.

And Ates' sister testified that she initially told detectives her brother arrived at their mother's house a day earlier than he did because he asked her to lie.

Early in testimony Wednesday, Ates' doctor testified that bounding up the stairs would have caused Ates to become short of breath and shake, making it difficult to keep his wrist straight enough to accurately fire a gun at someone from a distance.

When Ates took the stand Wednesday, he testified that he often needed to take breaks while driving, implying that he wasn't capable of making the drive to Louisiana — a trip prosecutors say was orchestrated to create an alibi.

“I can't drive too long,” he said.

He also directly denied killing his former son-in-law, saying he had no reason to want him dead.

“I hardly got to know Paul the whole time they were married,” Ates said.

A brief cross-examination began Wednesday and was to resume Thursday.

While obesity appears to be a rare strategy for a murder trial, the defense was used recently in Ohio by double murderer Richard Cooley, who argued that he was too fat to execute.

He argued that at 5 feet 7 and 267 pounds, his obesity made death by lethal injection inhumane because it would be difficult for prison staff to find suitable veins to deliver the deadly chemicals. There were no such difficulties when he was executed this month.

Possibly hurting Ates' argument to jurors: He testified that he lost 60 pounds while in jail awaiting trial.

“It visually impacts it,” Lesnevich said. “I'm probably the only person in his life that told him not to lose weight.”

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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- Starbucks flavor
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- Saint associated with the Russian alphabet
- Weed B Gon maker
- Kitchen backups
- Took to jail
- Alley Oop's girl
- Displayed
- Minnesota wine?
- Snootiness
- Great server
- Island big shot
- North Carolina team
- Grassy tracts
- Illustrator Silverstein
- Flub the wrong way
- For what worth
- Container for the end of 17-31, 47 or 64-Across; there's a literal one in each four-square puzzle corner
- Veep before Al
- Put into law
- Bridge expert Sharif
- Clears after taxes
- Oxlane rating sites
- Widely separated
- Opposite of away
- Part of a yard
- Prefix with meter
- Astronomer Tycho
- Western border lake
- Demolish
- Bonneville Speedway feature
- Chicago hub
- Tours Ia-Ia
- Alers who don't play the field
- Adlai's running mate
- Computer image dot
- Manager Torre

**DOWN**

- Gas sign north of the border
- Columbus's home
- Prefix with gram
- Obama's opponent
- Skinny Olive
- Interbreed
- Word with five or noon
- Too
- General Mills cereal
- Heavenly altar
- Eclectic bimonthly digest
- guard: bit of catchers' gear
- Tons of time
- Actor Kinski
- "This means \_\_\_"
- Musket end?
- light; filmmaking arc lamp
- WellPoint rival
- Is in the running for
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- Cartoon cat
- Oklahoma tribe
- Outbursts from Homer
- "Stat!" cousin
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- Top with a slogan

By Don Gagliardo 10/29/09

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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## THE 7-DAY WEEKEND...

... because having no plans on Halloween is a scary thought

### THURSDAY "Milk"

• "Milk" was one of the most well-received films of 2008. Sean Penn delivers an excellent portrayal of the title character. If you didn't catch it, it's certainly worth seeing for free.  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Student Union Allen Theatre  
**COST:** Free

### Friday Dia de los Muertos Celebracion

• Even though Dia de los Muertos doesn't officially start until Sunday, the celebration gets going at the ICC Friday night. Dia de los Muertos is a festival celebrating dead loved ones.  
**WHEN:** 5:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave.  
**COST:** Free

### SATURDAY Texas Tech vs. Kansas

• The Texas Tech football team is reeling after a loss to the rival Aggies, but they'll look to rebound on Halloween against Kansas. You can even win a prize package for wearing a pirate costume to the game.  
**WHEN:** 2:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Jones AT&T Stadium  
**COST:** Free with ID

### SUNDAY Fall Back

• Why let Sunday morning stop Halloween fun? You get an extra hour of sleep (spring forward, fall back) to enjoy a holiday you outgrew when you were 10, until you got to college that is.  
**WHEN:** 2 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Anywhere you are  
**COST:** Free

### MONDAY Arya

• This play sounds pretty trippy, with the plot centering around a woman lost in the spirit world detailing her three different lives. There are student discounts, and come on, it's Monday night.  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday  
**WHERE:** Charles E. Mædgen, Jr. Theatre (Lab)  
**COST:** \$5 with student ID

### TUESDAY Flip Books

• A seven-second video of you and whoever is with you is made into a flip book in 90-seconds during this TAB event. Then you can watch the video you made again and again. Kind of.  
**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Student Union West Basement  
**COST:** Free

### WEDNESDAY Kelly Clarkson

• You already belt out "Since You've Been Gone" in quasi-public places (like your car), so hit up the concert and sing along with the real Kelly Clarkson. No shame. No Problem.  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** United Spirit Arena  
**COST:** \$50 and up

## NSLR

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"Regardless of whether you believe in killing animals or not, they are already dead and preserved," Garner said, "so you don't have to kill anymore sometimes."

According to Garner, the mounted animal does not even contain the bones of the original being—the skin is simply laid over and sewed to a replica.

"Nowadays what happens is there is a catalog that you can order the internal structure of whatever animal you are skinning," Garner said. "You

order a resin cast, take the pelt, slip it on and sew it. In the old days, some of these

things could be hand carved, plaster of paris or they just did the best they could with what materials they had."

Cokendolpher said he helps to maintain the collections in addition to building the collection the NSRL already has.

"My goal for the collection is to try to make sure we are providing the best care and preservation for all the material that we already have," Cokendolpher said, "and to acquire new material."

Cokendolpher employs several students at the museum including a graduate student of Business Administration in Health Organization Management.

Kiran Jinna, a graduate assistant from Hyderabad, India, said he

took interest in working for the museum after taking a few science courses.

"I was searching for a job and I was going all over campus," Jinna said. "Then I went to the biology department—one of the ladies over there referred me to James who was looking for someone to work. I had my botany and zoology classes for two years, so I was interested after that."

Jinna said he works on pinning insects, sorting samples, cataloging and entering data into a computer.

Garner said the work done in the lab is vital to research. "Most everybody who works here from a day-to-day basis takes care of the collections," Garner said, "whether it is to make sure they are preserved correctly, whether the data is archived correctly, preserving the animals or the field notes so other people can come to us and do research."

However, Cokendolpher said he hopes the NSRL will do more for scientific research in the future.

"We want to build better connections to education and Tech," Cokendolpher said. "We need to get more involved, we just don't have enough people and time."

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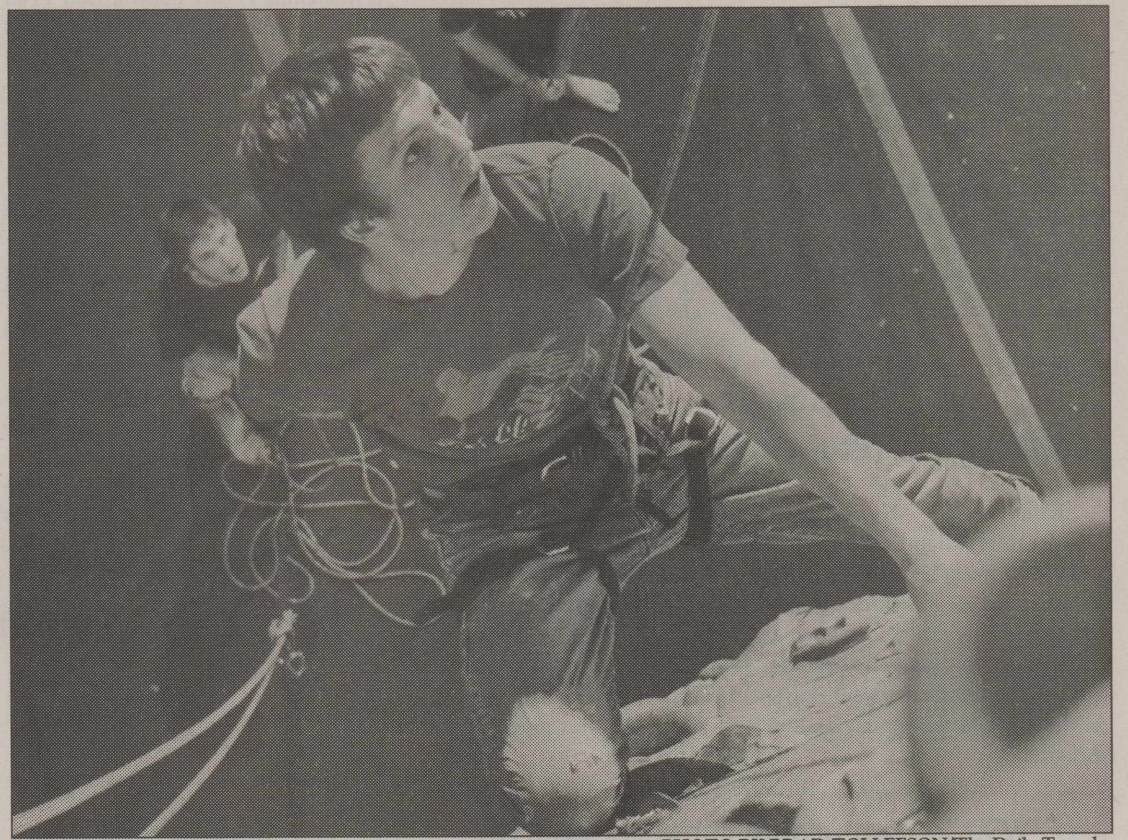


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NIC SUTTON, A freshman personal financial planning major from Dallas, climbs up the rock wall in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center Tuesday evening.



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## SPORTS SHORTS

## Rockets get to opener by boat

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Houston Rockets traveled to their season opener by boat.

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge is temporarily closed down for emergency repairs after a cable on the bridge's upper deck snapped Tuesday, leaving the Rockets with two options to get to Oracle Arena: an early bus ride on a longer, alter-

nate route or a quick and scenic ferry trip with the public.

Houston is staying in San Francisco and had to get to the East Bay for Wednesday night's season opener against the Golden State Warriors.

This is a first as far as the Warriors can remember for a visiting team to get to a game.

## Seattle ready for proven Dynamo

SEATTLE (AP) — If not for the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup tournament, Sigi Schmid might hold some serious concerns about how the expansion Seattle Sounders FC will handle the raised intensity of the Major League Soccer playoffs.

But with one tournament title already in the trophy case of the first-year franchise and names like Ljungberg and Keller on the field, Schmid feels pretty confident about

the Sounders' first MLS playoff trip.

"Even though that is not the MLS playoffs it is still a knockout competition," Schmid said about Seattle's run to the U.S. Open Cup championship in September. "So having had that success to build upon in pressure situations we realized we have been in do-or-die and knockout games and we have been able to come out on top."

## Owens upbeat despite 'pathetic' numbers

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Terrell Owens isn't ready to give back the key to the city just yet.

Though bluntly describing his numbers as "pathetic," the Buffalo Bills receiver on Wednesday shrugged off suggestions he's hit a wall or lost a step in his 14th NFL season. As for the guarantee he made last spring to Buffalo mayor Byron Brown that he'll score 10 touchdowns this year or give back

the key, well, the season's not over.

It'll take some doing. Through seven games, T.O. is statistically off to his worst start to a season since his rookie year of 1996. And he's part of a banged-up, inexperienced offense that's been among the NFL's least productive this season.

The Bills (3-4), coming off consecutive wins, host Houston (4-3) on Sunday.

## Cowboys kick returner Rossum out 2-4 weeks

IRVING (AP) — Newly signed kick returner Allen Rossum is out two to four weeks because of a hamstring injury sustained on his first return with the Dallas Cowboys.

Rossum was supposed to handle kickoffs and punts but went down in the first quarter Sunday against Atlanta.

Felix Jones will be the primary kickoff returner and Patrick Crayton will handle punts. Crayton returned a punt 73 yards for a touchdown against the Falcons.

Miles Austin used to be Dallas' kickoff returner, but his rapid rise as a receiver has made him too valuable for it.

## WSU in high-profile game versus Irish

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Ready or not, a nationwide audience will get a prime-time look at the woeful Washington State football team Saturday against No. 25 Notre Dame.

The Cougars (1-6) for the second year in a row are one of the worst teams in the country, both on offense and defense. They are being outscored by three touchdowns per game, thanks to a slew of injuries and a roster filled with freshmen and sophomores.

But they are not without confidence.

"We want to come down and

win," coach Paul Wulff said.

The game is in San Antonio, the first in a series of neutral site contests the Irish (5-2) will play in the next few years to reach far-flung fans and help recruiting to catch Florida. But this qualifies as the Bulldogs' last stand when it comes to winning an SEC title.

No. 3 Texas goes to Stillwater with a half-game lead in the Big 12 South over No. 13 Oklahoma State. With the Longhorns having already beaten Oklahoma and Texas Tech, a victory over the Cowboys would give them a relatively smooth road to the conference title game.

## Badaru replacing Kipyego nicely

By ZANE TURNER  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech men's cross country runner Logan Culotta can't help but compare Lillian Badaru to Sally Kipyego.

After all, he believes she's making it easier to draw comparisons to perhaps Tech's best runner in school history.

"She is definitely stepping up helping to replace Sally," he said. "Sally would always be running the workouts with the guys and Lillian is doing the same thing. The girls are very lucky to have her, and she's been great this season."

A few days before the Big 12 Conference Championships, the Lady Raiders may be set up for a second consecutive conference title. But even though the team is deeper than it was last season, Badaru is expected to lead the charge if a repeat is going to happen.

As Badaru goes, so do the Lady Raiders, who have won every meet this season. The latest win was at the Chile Pepper Festival Oct. 17 in Fayetteville, Ark., where the women's squad took the team title for the third consecutive year.

Tech coach Jon Murray said the impact Badaru has on the team is undeniable, but she still stood out on last year's conference championship team with Kipyego.

"She's just done a great job for our team," he said. "She was a big part of the success last year when (Sally and Lillian) went one, two at the conference meet. Having her has been great, and she has been doing a good job leading the team this year."

The Lady Raiders began the season ranked No. 30 in the nation and fifth

in the Mountain Region, but are No. 14 in the nation with Badaru leading the way.

At the Chile Pepper Festival, Badaru was sick but won the race anyway — something she believes is not easy to do.

"All these obstacles, you really have to run over hills and different obstacles," said Badaru, who has won three races this season. "It's really, really tough; it's physically tough and also mentally tough."

The only race Badaru did not win was in the Texas Tech Open Sept. 18 in Lubbock — she finished second in that race.

Badaru has been backed by Purity Biwott, Winrose Karunde, Caroline Karunde and Gladys Kipsang this season, all of whom have finished in the top 10 of each race this season easing the load for Badaru.

As one of the best runners behind Kipyego last season, she earned All-American honors last season with a 14th-place finish at the NCAA Championship.

Even before Tech, she was a strong runner at South Plains College. Badaru was a member of the 2006 NJCAA Cross Country National Champions for SPC, runner-up at the 2007 NJCAA cross country championships and a three-time NJCAA All-American.

Although the women's team is entering the conference championships with a deeper squad, it does not make the competition easier.

Tech will need Badaru and the rest of the team to be in peak performance as the women will face No. 3 Colorado, No. 19 Iowa State and No. 26 Baylor.

Not having Kipyego might have given some a reason to believe Badaru and the Lady Raiders would not be in



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH CROSS country runner Lillian Badaru has filled in for the most decorated Tech athlete in history, Sally Kipyego, this season.

this spot, but Badaru said that only served as motivation.

As a result, the Lady Raiders are on the verge of making history for the Tech program once again.

"People thought without Sally we were not going to do something,"

Badaru said. "But we really wanted to show them we can do something."

The Tech men's and women's cross country teams and Badaru begin the Big 12 Championships Saturday in Columbia, Mo.

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## TE Daniels key in Houston's offense

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston wide receiver Andre Johnson leads the NFL with 634 yards receiving, but tight end Owen Daniels isn't far behind.

Daniels leads all tight ends and is tied for 10th in the league overall with 497 yards receiving. His team-leading five touchdown receptions are proof that the fourth-year player has become key to Houston's recent success.

Daniels' teammates are so impressed with his play that they've nicknamed him "Awesome."

"I think right now you could easily put him as one of the top tight ends in the NFL," Johnson said. "As time goes along he's only going to get better and better."

The modest Daniels cringes when his nickname is brought up. He knows his production has been helped by being on the field with one of the NFL's best receivers.

"I'm definitely benefiting from people focusing on Andre because he's obviously a huge threat," Daniels said. "We're (all) beneficiaries of Andre

playing so well."

The Texans are hoping Johnson doesn't have to sit out this weekend after suffering a bruised lung against the 49ers. He missed practice Wednesday and coach Gary Kubiak said they'll decide if he'll play later in the week. Johnson, who said he isn't in any pain, insists he'll be ready.

"I don't see why I wouldn't," he said. "I don't know, they might have to cut my leg off or something to keep me from going out there."

The Texans have won two straight and are third in the league in passing entering Sunday's game at Buffalo. Houston has been tough on the road this season, averaging more than 438 yards and 27.6 points in its three games away from Reliant Stadium.

Daniels had a solid season last year with 70 receptions for 862 yards. He scored just two touchdowns, both against the winless Lions. His career-high five touchdowns this season match his total from the last two years combined.

## Witnesses ID'd UConn stabbing suspect

VERNON, Conn. (AP) — Several witnesses identified the man charged with fatally stabbing a University of Connecticut football player as the killer, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Two people arrested in the stabbing of 20-year-old Jasper Howard were arraigned in Rockville Superior Court: John William Lomax III, 21, is charged with murder while his friend and co-worker, 20-year-old Hakim Muhammad, is charged with conspiracy to commit assault.

Police have not discussed a motive and the investigators' affidavits and arrest warrants are sealed.

But prosecutor Matthew Gedansky argued for a high bond, saying that several witnesses reported seeing Lomax and Muhammad involved in a minor altercation with others outside a university-sanctioned dance early Oct. 18. He said the two went back to Lomax's car and returned "in a rage" with knives, and escalated the violence. Several witnesses also identified Lomax as the person who stabbed Howard, he said.

Lomax's attorney, Deron Freeman, denied that his client stabbed Howard and said no witnesses in the affidavit could identify Lomax with 100 percent certainty. Even if all the allegations in the affidavit were true, "this was a mutual combat situation where my client was engaged," he said.

Gerald Klein, Muhammad's attorney, said that while some witnesses claim his client had something in his hand that looked like a knife, no one has offered evidence that he swung it at anyone.

"The mere presence at the scene of a crime does not make someone guilty," Klein said.

Lomax's bond was kept at \$2 million, while the judge set Muhammad's

bond at \$450,000.

Neither man has a criminal record, and each was described as a hardworking high school graduate who went to college for a year. Both are from the same neighborhood in Bloomfield.

Both men appeared in court wearing golf shirts with their employer's logo, a computer recycling company. Lomax responded to each question from the judge with a strong, "Yes sir."

Outside of court, Lomax's mother, Troilyn Grimes, said her son was innocent. "He's not a bad kid," she said. "They're lying on him."

Lomax, Muhammad and a third man, 21-year-old Jamal Todd of Hartford, were arrested Tuesday. Todd faces a felony charge of falsely reporting an incident and misdemeanor reckless endangerment for allegedly pulling a fire alarm that emptied the dance. He is free after posting a \$5,000 bond and is due in court next month.

Todd's attorney, Jonathan Budlong, said his client is acquainted with Lomax and Muhammad, but did not go to the dance with them. Budlong said Todd, a student at Eastern Connecticut State University, was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

A fourth man, Johnny Hood, 21, of Hartford was arrested at the scene of the stabbing and charged with breach of peace and interfering with police.

None of those arrested is a UConn student.

Alfonzo Stokes, a family friend and spokesman for the Lomax family, said John Lomax, who goes by the nickname Pooda, is a good person who works hard to support his daughter.

Lomax, Muhammad and their friend Hood went to UConn that night because they had heard about a college party at the student union, he said.

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## Tech pleased with first days of practice

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Besides the speeches, coach talk and Xs and Os, Texas Tech women's basketball coach Kristy Curry has her players catching up on their reading as the 2009-2010 season approaches.

It doesn't necessarily have much to do with study hall, but the Lady Raiders just finished reading "The Energy Bus" by Jon Gordon in hopes they can take note of a few lessons from the book.

"It talks about you're the driver of the bus every day and you have a choice to make and what you do every day impacts those around you," Curry said. "It's about positive energy and how that affects us on a daily basis. With positive energy, I think good things can happen."

Even though it's a few days into practice, Curry already has seen positive things from her young squad.

Tech has been practicing a little more than a week and the coaches and players are pleased with what's been on the court so far.

With the season opener against Sam Houston State Nov. 14 at the United Spirit Arena, the Lady Raiders are trying to get five freshmen acclimated to Big 12 Conference basketball, a few previously injured players back on track and find a post presence after losing Dominic Seals to graduation.

Marissa Ashton, Chynna Brown, Mary Bokenkamp, Christine Hyde and Monique Smalls are the freshmen trying to find time on the floor this season.

Their arrival, along with the return of Lindie Kimbro and Kaylan Talley from injury, makes this team deeper, which she said has been evident throughout the first week of practice.

Ashton is listed as a forward, while Brown, Bokenkamp, Hyde and Smalls are listed at guard. Having a few more players who can help the team early could make it interesting to see who gets playing time in the early stages of the season.

But before any of that is taken into consideration, the few upperclassmen on the team are trying to help the freshmen get comfortable first.

Tech could be one of the youngest teams in the Big 12 at this point,

with only three seniors: Ashlee Roberson, Tilmila Martin and Jordan Murphree.

Curry has said the freshmen all come from good high school basketball programs, which is a plus. Brown, Bokenkamp and Hyde have played in

the AAU circuits.

Roberson said they all have a chance to contribute in some way this season and they've shown that through the first week of practice.

"I feel like I have a big part in what happens with the freshmen," Roberson said. "Because I've been here a couple years, Jordan Murphree and Tilmila has, so I think we all have to help the freshmen get in the swing of things because they've never come into a competitive atmosphere like the Big 12."

While the freshmen settle in, Curry said having the 6-foot-5 Talley back should help provide relief for any one who might see time in the post.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH FORWARD Jordan Barncastle and the Lady Raiders are approaching the start of the 2009-2010 season. They open against Sam Houston State at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the United Spirit Arena.

Talley has suffered two ACL tears in as many years, forcing her to sit on the sidelines.

Besides possibly having another option in the post, Curry said having Talley back is just a good sight to see.

"It's the first time in two years we've had her and she definitely brings a presence," she said. "It'd be nice to have her be able to come in six, eight, 10, 12 minutes as we go along."

The Lady Raiders also are working on putting Roberson at power forward and Curry said Ashton has been impressive so far.

The first days of practice haven't

been filled with new plays, as Curry said the Lady Raiders have been working on the little things such as screens and getting open.

The season opener still is a few weeks away, but the Lady Raiders have an open practice at 8 a.m. on Nov. 3 at the United Spirit Arena — part of the Rise and Shine promotion.

"I think it's coming together," Tech forward Jordan Barncastle said. "The chemistry's getting there and everybody's figuring out what each other's gonna do. It's getting there, we're looking more like a team every day."

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

SOME TEXAS TECH fans dressed up as pirates during last season's 39-33 win against Texas on Nov. 1 at Jones AT&T Stadium. Tech athletics is urging fans to do the same against Kansas at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

## Students encouraged to dress like pirates for Tech-KU game

Texas Tech Athletics hopes students will show their Halloween spirit for the Tech-Kansas game.

Fans are encouraged to wear pirate costumes for the game at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium for a chance to win a prize package from the athletics department.

Elvis Moya, assistant director of marketing and promotions, helped come up with the idea to provide an opportunity for fans to support the Tech football team while celebrating Halloween and win a few prizes at the same time.

If students think they'll have the best pirate costume, they'll find out at the student entrance.

"We're actually going to have a photographer and a couple of judges at the student entrance," Moya said. "As students begin to flow in, we will actually pull students aside and photograph them and then the top three students that the judges select will actually get placed online and fans can vote for their favorite pirate."

Votes will be tallied during the week of Nov. 2. After the votes are tallied on the Tech Athletics Facebook page, the winner will be presented with the prize package on Nov. 21, the same day of Tech's game against Oklahoma at Jones AT&T Stadium.

The package includes a pre-game meal for four at the Red Raider Club

hospitality event, four souvenir pirate field passes for the pre-game warmup and team introductions along with photo opportunities and autographed copies of the 2008 Gator Bowl and 2006 Insight Bowl "Greatest Comeback in NCAA Bowl History" DVDs from Mike Leach.

Judges will be looking for originality, creativity and school spirit, but all props such as banners, flags and poles will not be allowed into the stadium because of security purposes.

Although he believes students will want to dress up in other costumes, Moya said he expects many to dress up in pirate outfits considering last season's game against Texas.

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## Woman in sex-for-tix case 'embarrassed'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Philadelphia woman charged with offering sex for World Series tickets says she's embarrassed about her arrest, but did nothing wrong and is still hopeful of attending a game.

"I didn't do anything wrong, so I'm not embarrassed about my actions. I'm embarrassed about how I was arrested," Susan Finkelstein told The Associated Press in a phone interview Wednesday, a day after meeting at a suburban bar with an undercover

police officer responding to an ad on Craigslist.

Finkelstein's lawyer said his client is merely "a nice lady overcome with Phillies fever."

She might have dropped double entendres in her Craigslist ad but never explicitly offered sex, her lawyer William J. Brennan said.

The 43-year-old University of Pennsylvania graduate student wanted to take her husband to a game between her beloved Philadelphia Phil-

lies and the New York Yankees. The self-described "buxom blonde" said she was simply trying to score tickets online, as she had in the past.

Over a few beers at a suburban bar, she told a police officer she needed two tickets, one for herself and one for her husband. No price had been discussed, and Finkelstein and her lawyer stopped short of recounting specifics of what was said before several officers sitting at a nearby table came to arrest her.

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# Tech volleyball loses 50th straight to Big 12 team

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
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After another 3-0 loss to No. 8 Nebraska Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena, the Texas Tech volleyball reached another milestone.

Except, it's one the Red Raiders may not be too proud of.

After Wednesday's loss, Tech now has lost 50 consecutive matches to Big 12 Conference teams.

"After we played half of the teams on the schedule we came together and told each other that it is time to buckle down," said Tech libero Jackie Vincent. "We've been busting our butts in practice and coach has been getting on us but we know that it is for a good reason."

All that hard work Knight referred to did show in Wednesday's match.

Tech (2-18, 0-11 in Big 12 play) competed with Nebraska (15-6, 9-3) for most of the night, losing the last two sets 25-20.

The first half of the match seemed almost identical to the two teams' previous meeting Sept. 16.

Tech looked sluggish in the first set thanks in part to .026 hitting percentage in the set. The Red Raiders' errors allowed Nebraska

to dominate the set and take it 25-12.

Tech came out revitalized in the final two sets and traded punches with the Cornhuskers with the help of a solid defensive showing.

The familiarity of facing the Cornhuskers again and hard work proved to be key to the teams' performance, Vincent said.

The Red Raider defense was led by Vincent, who started at libero and racked up a team-high seven digs. Three other players tied for second with six digs, giving balance to a defense that looked energized.

Tech coach Trish Knight said the spread of contributions was something that had the team more focused on its job and kept Tech in the match.

"We're doing some things way better," she said. "Our defense played really good. Jackie did a good job, Jenn (Goehry) and Aleah (Hayes) dug some shots tonight. The way we continue to improve just gives us more confidence."

With that said, ending a 50-match losing streak against Big 12 opponents cannot happen with just strong defensive play.

The Red Raiders struggled on offense, racking up only 17 kills as a team. Outsider hitter Miara Cave

did not play tonight because of illness. That left more pressure on outside hitters Caroline Courtney, Hayley Ball and Caroline Witte — the three combined for five kills.

The bulk of offensive production came from middle blocker Amanda Dowdy who tallied seven kills.

Despite the lack of production, Knight said improvements were made with communication by her team on the court.

"Dowdy in the middle is really helping us on the floor and Karlyn (Meyers) is playing much better," she said. "We're doing some great things in setting and everybody is just hanging in there."

Nebraska's defense did its part in slowing down Tech.

Outside hitter Hannah Werth led the team in digs with 10 while setter Sydney Anderson chipped in with eight.

Being swept is nothing to be proud about, but Tech players said they discovered many positives that came out in the match.

Up next for the Red Raiders is a match in Waco against No. 22 Baylor, a team that swept Tech Oct. 7 in Lubbock.

Considering the Red Raiders are in a part of the schedule where they face teams for the second

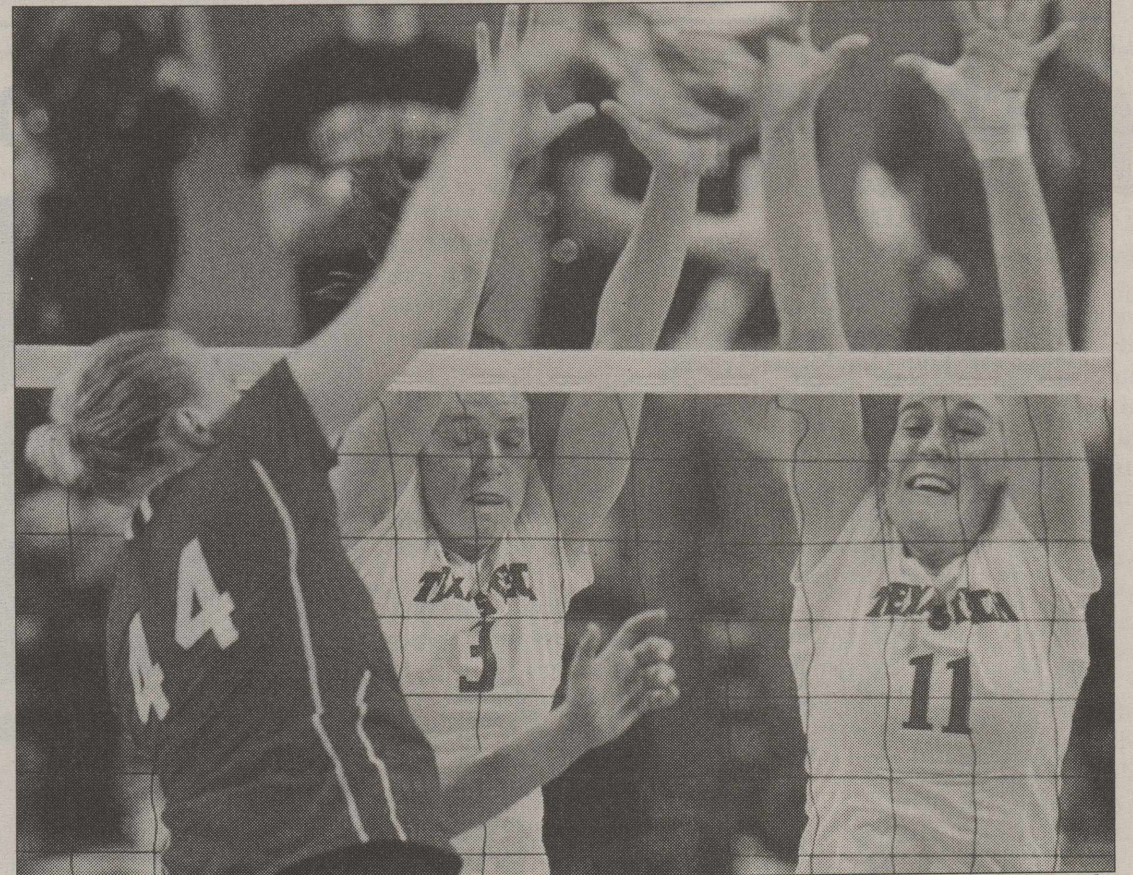


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TEXAS TECH'S KARLYN Meyers, left, and Amanda Dowdy attempt a block during the Red Raiders' 3-0 loss to Nebraska on Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

time, Dowdy said players will approach each match with the same intensity.

"We are just having fun because we know this is a rebuilding year," she said. "We're just going off that

and we will continue to have fun and play volleyball." [jose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu](mailto:jose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu)



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NINE YEAR OLD John Horst, right, from Lubbock, fishes for a treat at "Trick or Treat with the Red Raiders" night Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

## Trick or Treat night a success for Tech volleyball

With Halloween just days away, the Texas Tech volleyball team wanted to spread the spirit among its fans.

The Red Raiders hosted a "Trick or Treat with the Red Raiders" night against No. 8 Nebraska on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

The event took place following the match. Fans who sported costumes to the match were admitted for free.

Tables loaded with candy were set up and held by many Texas Tech student organizations — the list included groups such as Tech PR,

Mentor Tech and the Hispanic Student Society.

It's safe to say the event was successful.

Last night's match saw a crowd of 829 fans who came out to support the Red Raiders. The event drew the usual Tech volleyball fans out, but newcomers such as Sarah Alvarez, who said she heard about the event and wanted her children to take part.

"We haven't been to a volleyball game before tonight," she said. "Naturally, the large crowds tend to only come out for the basketball

and football games, but we heard about the event and about wearing costumes to the game so we decided to come."

The event played its part in drawing the large crowd, which supported Tech throughout the entire match despite the loss to Nebraska.

Lindsey Drummond, a volunteer in the Big Brother Big Sister program, said the Red Raiders can benefit from nights like Wednesday.

"They should do something like this for probably every sporting event," she said. "Doing something like this for every game would definitely help bring

a crowd out more often."

Although Nebraska swept Tech, Aleah Hayes said she was glad the fans helped the Red Raiders by being supportive no matter what happened.

"The support from the crowd was great and we really appreciate it," she said. "Having fans behind you clap for you even if we messed up a point was just a great confidence booster. Doing things for the community like this and having all of the kids and parents come out and watch us shows us how much they are behind us." [jose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu](mailto:jose.l.rodriguez@ttu.edu)

## Notre Dame prepares to take 'home' game flight

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Frequently part of college football's jet set, Notre Dame will give the term new meaning when it leaves behind the Golden Dome and heads to the Alamo Dome.

"It's a different feeling going to play a home game away from Notre Dame," tailback Armando Allen Jr. said.

The 25th-ranked Fighting Irish (5-2) will face Washington State

(1-6) in San Antonio on Saturday, the first offsite home game under Notre Dame's new scheduling model that calls for the Irish to play seven games in South Bend, four road games and a home game at a neutral site.

Former athletic director Kevin White announced the plan three years ago, saying the offsite games harkened back to the barnstorming era of Knute Rockne. The goal, he said, was to go back to its roots as an

independent team in football, saying "over time we've really begun to behave like a wannabe conference member."

Current athletic director Jack Swarbrick, hired in July 2008, has a different view. He sees the games as a way to promote the university rather than the football team.

"We don't need to go somewhere to promote Notre Dame football," he said.

## Colt McCoy's made career of comebacks

AUSTIN (AP) — Colt McCoy has made a career out of the comeback.

The senior quarterback for No. 3 Texas has led 11 second-half rallies in his 39 career victories, seven of them in the fourth quarter. He has twice pulled Texas back from 21 points down to win, including a 38-35 win at Oklahoma State in 2007 after Texas started the fourth down 35-14.

"I think it says something about really strong character," Texas center Chris Hall said.

The Longhorns (7-0, 4-0 Big 12) and No. 13 Cowboys (6-1, 3-0) clash again in Stillwater on Saturday night. Knowing McCoy's history — and the history of Texas comebacks in general in this lopsided rivalry — maybe the Cowboys should avoid getting a big lead. Texas has won 11 in a row over the Cowboys and had to rally in several with startling comebacks.

In 2004, Vince Young rallied Texas from a 35-7 deficit in the first half to a

66-35 win in Austin. The next year, Texas trailed the Cowboys 28-9 before Young again rallied the Longhorns to a 47-28 victory.

McCoy starting building his record as a comeback king as a freshman in 2006. That season included late road wins at Nebraska and Texas Tech, and against Oklahoma in Dallas and Iowa in the Alamo Bowl.

All three of McCoy's wins over Oklahoma came after the Longhorns trailed at halftime. Against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl last season, Texas was down 21-17 with 1:58 to play before McCoy completed seven passes in the game-winning drive, hitting the final touchdown pass with 16 seconds left.

Of his 11 second-half rallies, perhaps the most impressive part is that 10 have come away from Austin. McCoy says the key is staying loose when the Longhorns fall behind and not trying to get it all back at once.

Against Oklahoma State in 2007, McCoy relaxed the offense when he gave a shoulder shake dance move in the huddle. That was something out of Young's playbook and McCoy got a few laughs.

"You don't have to do things special," McCoy said. "You don't have to make it happen right away. You just have to be under control, and something's going to work out for you in the end."

Texas coach Mack Brown said he and his staff learned long ago how to handle big early deficits.

One of Brown's favorite stories is from his one season as offensive coordinator at Oklahoma in 1984. The Sooners were losing a game at halftime and he yelled at the players, only to send them back out of the locker room to lose.

On the plane ride home, Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer told Brown a coach must be careful not to convince his players that they could lose.

"You'd better be positive when things are bad," Brown said.

In 2007 in Stillwater, things looked really bad for Texas, so much so that Brown ignored his own advice. Down big early, Brown gave his team a tongue lashing on the sideline that was caught by television cameras.

McCoy stayed calm, despite his own early struggles.

His first pass was intercepted for a touchdown. His fifth pass was intercepted. So was his third pass of the second half. The last one set up Oklahoma State's final touchdown and the Longhorns started the fourth quarter down by 21.

Then came the dance and the rally was on.

What Texas doesn't want is to expect the rally will come every time.

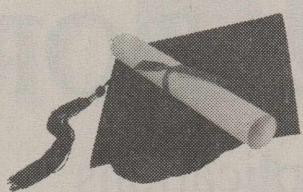
"We have a great confidence in this team because we've won those close games," Brown said. "Our kids feel like they can win each week. The only negative is you do not want them in a position where they are complacent and feel like it's just going to work out. That's the danger."

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# Floren leads golf team in fall, looks ahead to spring

By ZANE TURNER  
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The fall season concluded for the Texas Tech men's golf team, but the Red Raiders have something to look forward to when the spring season begins.

That would be golfer Nils Floren. The junior from Ljungskile, Sweden, has been a bright spot for Tech this fall with two top-five finishes in the team's three tournaments.

Along with Floren, the Red Raiders had a productive fall. They finished in eighth place at the Carpet Capital Collegiate, second place at the Gary Koch Invitational and eighth place at the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational, which ended Tuesday.

"We're obviously trying to get better," said Tech coach Greg Sands. "With four teams in the Big 12 ranked in the Top 15, the league is really tough. So, we know we've got to continue to get better. Nils is playing fantastic, he's just played unbelievable and real consistent. He's not necessarily doing one thing really well, he's just a great competitor."

In the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational, the No. 14 Red Raiders faced a field full of nationally-ranked teams, including the top five teams in the country: No. 1 Oklahoma State, No. 2 Arizona State, No. 3 Illinois, No. 4 Washington and No. 5 TCU. For the tournament, Tech finished ahead of the Sun Devils, the Fighting Illini and the Huskies.

Sands said his team has faced tough fields the entire fall season and his team has continued to improve and he is looking for continued improvement from all his players.

Throughout the fall, Tech has seen solid play from its lineup

top to bottom.

Senior Chris Ward, who advanced to the round of 32 at the U.S. Amateur Championships Aug. 25 to Aug. 27 in Tulsa, Okla., took fifth place at the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational. Making noise in his first two tournaments as a Red Raider, Finley Ewing IV finished tied for 33rd in the Isleworth Invitational and tied for 39th in the Gary Koch Invitational in Tampa, Fla.

Sophomore Brian Scherer provided solid play for Tech with a

29th place finish the Carpet Capital Collegiate, career best 17th place in Tampa and a tie for 50th at the Isleworth Invitational.

With a wealth of confidence gained this fall, Floren said he and the Red Raiders are yearning for more success and continue to train for the spring season.

"I'm still hungry and I want more — more victories," said Floren, who also claimed a share of the title at the Carpet Collegiate Invitational with Tennessee's Darren Renwick. "It's been by far my best semester and a great confidence boost and I'm looking forward to the spring to keep on performing."

With his 6-under performance at the Carpet Invitational, Floren was named *Golfweek's* Player of the Week on Sept. 17.

In a conference with the top teams in the nation — Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas A&M all are in the top 20 — the Red Raiders will hope to translate their fall success to the spring season that begins with the University of Hawaii-Hilo Intercollegiate Feb. 3 to Feb. 5 in Mauna Lani, Hawaii.

"I think we definitely learned it's a lot about our attitude," Floren said. "Because we had a good attitude the first tournament and the last tournament



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NILS FLOREN LED the Red Raiders with two top-five finishes during the fall season.

ment we also played really, really good. Then we kind of relaxed on the second day, but we are all learning that it is just a matter of attitude and taking care of our task."

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# Seahawks' Jones lost for season, but vows to return

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Never one to bask in attention, Walter Jones sat down in front of prying eyes and ears. And he sighed.

"Oh, man," the Seahawks' six-time All-Pro left tackle said.

His pain in detailing the end to his season and perhaps his illustrious career is nothing compared to the aching he feels inside from his surgically repaired knee when he walks or even sits, let alone tries to practice.

The 35-year-old finally went on Seattle's injured reserve list Wednesday. It ends months of trying to return from the two surgeries the nine-time Pro Bowl selection has had on his left knee since he last played last Thanksgiving.

Yet instead of retiring with riches and nothing left to prove, the pre-eminent left tackle of his time wants to trudge through many more months of rehabilitation and perhaps a third surgery to attempt a return in 2010.

"Because it's what I love," the anchor to Seattle's offensive line for the last decade said, chuckling. "It's a game that I have put so much pride in and wanted to be the best at. So I still want to come out and do my

job and play this game.

"I know I can still go out there and compete with the best of 'em."

Coach Jim Mora described Jones' pain as "not bearable" since his microfracture surgery last December and an arthroscopic procedure in August.

Jones alluded to the fact the pain has been exacerbated by a kidney condition diagnosed when he was a rookie back in 1997. It keeps him from taking anti-inflammatories to combat swelling and pain.

"The pain never did leave," Jones said, mindful of how poorly he played last Thanksgiving Day. He started with the aid of painkilling injections, then watched quarterback Matt Hasselbeck get sacked seven times by the rampaging Dallas Cowboys.

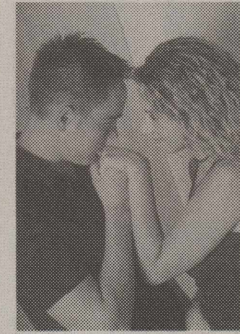
"I'm not going to step on that football field again until I am comfortable in this knee," Jones said.

Mora said he has no idea whether Jones can return next year.

"We are going to let him heal up, have whatever procedures our medical staff feels is necessary and then we'll evaluate early next year," the coach said. "I'll say this: Walter has done everything that is humanly possible to get back and help this football team. ... But it's just not happening."

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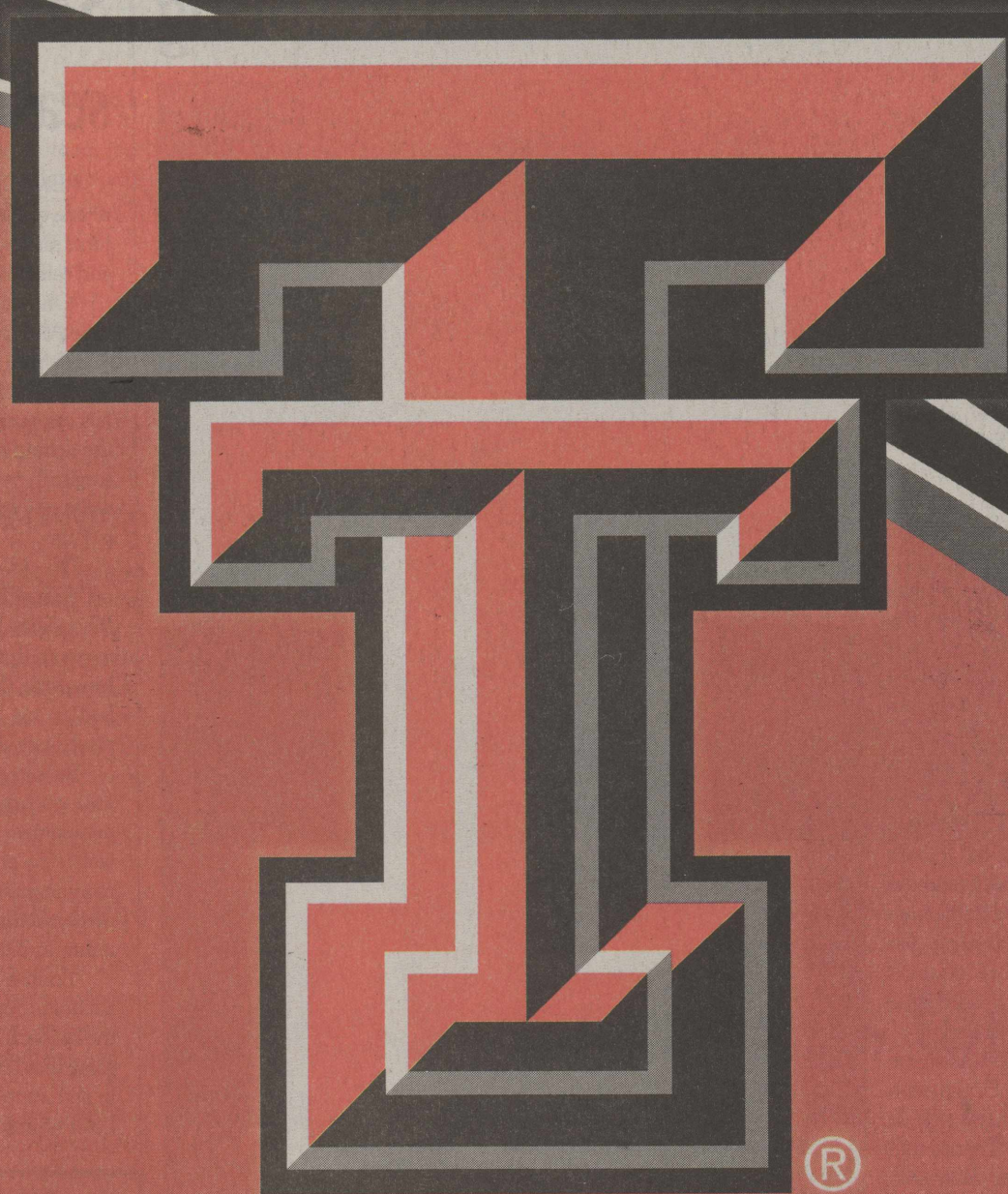
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